

THE DIRECTOR OF
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

National Intelligence Council

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Ms. Joy Cothran
Office of Presidential Personnel
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White House

Dear Joy:

This is the sort of letter the Agency sends to people who ask about the scholar-in-residence program. I'll be happy to be the intermediary for whatever additional information might want.

Sincerely,



Herbert E. Meyer
Vice Chairman

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Thank you for your letter of September 12th enquiring about our Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) program. Let me give you some details regarding the program as well as information on how to apply.

The program, which originated in 1977, is designed to augment the analytical capabilities of the Directorate of Intelligence (DI) (the research and analysis component of the CIA) and, hopefully, foster improved relations between the Agency and the academic world. The individuals being sought as SIRs are leaders in their fields, both distinguished senior scholars and promising younger academicians, whose work is of interest to one or more offices within the DI. During his tour at CIA, the SIR is introduced to the intelligence process, is given access to research material not available to the public, is encouraged to write analytical reports -- some of which probably can be sanitized for later publication, may be asked to review and comment on articles prepared by our analysts, and hopefully, views his work here as a significant contribution to the national security.

The program has few firm rules -- an ad hoc approach being preferred. An office within the DI may originate action to bring an academician on board or an individual in academia may request that his name be considered as a possible SIR. In the latter case, a curriculum vitae is normally sent to the Agency for consideration by the office or offices most likely to be interested in the candidate's qualifications. (If you decide to send a resume to me, please address to: , Room 7B24, CIA Headquarters, Washington, D.C., 20505.)

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